

strive to help local charities with their time, money, and fellowship.

I congratulate the members of the Torrance Rotary on achieving this milestone. The club is a valuable part of the Torrance community. Its contributions are much appreciated. I wish the Torrance Rotary continued success.

HONORING THE HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY (HIAS) AND THE COUNCIL MIGRATION SERVICE OF PHILADELPHIA ON THEIR 118TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the Council Migration Service of Philadelphia on their 118th (one hundred plus "chai") Anniversary. Founded in 1882 by Louis Edward Levy, HIAS and Council was the first organization of its kind in the United States.

HIAS and Council is part of a humanitarian effort of help Jews and people of other backgrounds who are fleeing from persecution. HIAS and Council helps to provide asylum and resettlement to all people who want to enter the United States. HIAS and Council works diligently to help the refugees adapt to their new environment and gain permanent residence in America.

Because of the extensive work done by HIAS and Council in the 1920's, Philadelphia became the second most active community in the country for assisting Jewish refugees fleeing from Eastern Europe.

In 1976, the U.S. Justice Department's Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognized HIAS and Council as an agency authorized to practice immigration and nationality law on behalf of eligible clients. This organization is the only Jewish agency in the Philadelphia area that provides law-related refugee and immigration services. The agency services clients from over 35 countries worldwide.

I am proud to represent such an extraordinary organization as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the Council Migration Service of Philadelphia. This anniversary should serve as a long-standing tribute to hard work and dedication for all who have made HIAS and Council the wonderful organization it is.

RECOGNIZING DR. JAMES BERTZ

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Dr. James Bertz, a native of Cadiz, Ohio recently traveled to South America as part of the "Healing the Children Mission"; and,

Whereas, This is just the most recent of many such missions that Dr. Bertz has set out on to perform corrective facial surgeries on children; and,

Whereas, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Bertz. His dedication and commitment to helping heal children all over the world deserve recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—VOTE CLARIFICATION ON H.R. 701—THE CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT (CARA)

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a clarification of my vote during final passage of H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. Mr. Speaker, during final passage, I was gathering together Members of the House Agriculture Committee to catch a flight to Idaho for a committee field hearing. I mistakenly voted "yea" when I intended to vote "no" on final passage.

Let me clearly state for the record my opposition to H.R. 701 is due to the concerns I have over its impact on private property rights, federal budgeting, and the troubling shift in policy to acquire more federal land instead of properly maintaining what the United States government already owns. During consideration of H.R. 701, I supported numerous amendments that sought to remedy these concerns and improve the bill. Unfortunately, the measure in its final form was still not a bill that I could support and is why I intended to vote "no" on passage. I would ask that this statement follow debate on H.R. 701 in the permanent CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Again, I regret this error and appreciate the opportunity for clarification.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOYOLA SCHOOL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an exceptional independent school in the New York Metropolitan Area as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary. The Loyola School is a prime example of independent and progressive education at its best.

Loyola school is an institution filled with rich history. It was founded by a most visionary educator, The Reverend Neil McKinnon, S.J. In October of 1900, McKinnon, Pastor of the Parish and founding Principal of the school, opened the door to eight young men of various ages and academic readiness. Since its conception 100 years ago, the school has survived and thrived through its early days of struggle, the depression, two World Wars, rising educational costs, and the struggle to maintain the ever important Jesuit tradition.

Throughout its history the school has overcome a century filled with challenges in order to encourage and establish the highest of educational and religious standards. The Loyola School strives to provide every student with an excellent education complimented by diverse and enriching extra-curricular activities.

Loyola is nationally recognized as a School of Excellence and regionally respected as one of the finest independent schools in the Metropolitan area. They enjoy success in sports, both old and new. To complement the success of the staff and students, the school also en-

joys a growing endowment and an expanded faculty. All of these factors have proven successful to the students.

In addition to the excellence of the staff and student body, Loyola school also enjoys the convenience of new network wiring and learning curriculum to incorporate technology into a vibrant and interesting juxtaposition of traditional heritage and forward-thinking education.

Loyola's rich history provides the school with a promising future. The school now educates some 200 of the brightest boys and girls in a comprehensive program which works to mold its young individuals into conscious, competent and compassionate graduates. Their hope is to enrich students with intellectual ability, religious clarity, and a commitment to justice. The graduates of Loyola move forward armed with the "strength from the past and faith in the future." I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the faculty, students and individuals involved in creating and maintaining the standard of excellence at The Loyola School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, I missed rollcall vote No. 154. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this procedural vote on H.R. 3709, the Internet Nondiscrimination Act.

While I regret my absence from the floor, I was at the White House with the President and many of my Democratic colleagues speaking out on the need for prescription drugs for our seniors. Nearly every day I receive letters and calls from individuals in the North Bay who are worried if Medicare will be there when they need it. That's why I have consistently been pushing the Republican-led Congress to consider legislation to protect the future of the Medicare Program and expand Medicare to cover medications. It is my hope that the Republican leadership will open the debate so that we may consider meaningful health care reform for Medicare beneficiaries. With a projected Federal budget surplus, it only makes common sense to make the Medicare Program a top priority. I look forward to working with the President and my House colleagues to make this happen.

HONORING MR. BOB WILLARD FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Mr. Bob Willard for 50 years of service on the active crew of the Glenside Fire Company. Mr. Willard joined the fire department in 1949 and quickly rose up through the ranks. In less than 5 years, Mr. Willard was promoted to lieutenant. Four years later he